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UNITIL ENERGY SERVICES, INC.

**Tariff Filing with Revisions to Terms and Conditions for
Distribution Service and Revisions to Terms and Conditions for
Competitive Suppliers, Appendix B, Enhanced Metering Service and
Interval Data Service**

Order Suspending Tariffs

O R D E R N O. 24,242

November 26, 2003

On October 31, 2003, Unitil Energy Services, Inc. (UES) filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) revisions to NHPUC No. 1 - Electricity Delivery, Unitil Energy Services, Inc., for effect on December 1, 2003. UES asserts that, subsequent to the implementation of its unbundled tariff, it realized that it had inadvertently omitted two provisions concerning UES' right to access customer premises to inspect equipment, and to install and maintain its distribution facilities. This language was included in its previous tariff. UES proposes to add this language to its current tariff.

In addition, UES avers that it found two errors in its fees for Enhanced Metering and Interval Data Services. First, UES proposes to increase the fees for Interval Data Service (a service that provides interval load data through e-mail or basic web access) from \$12.07 to \$48.27 for a single request per meter, and from \$83.76 to \$335.05 for an annual subscription fee per meter.

Second, UES proposes to decrease the fees for its Pulse Output Service to General Service Customers. Pulse Output Service is a program that allows customers to connect their own metering equipment or equipment provided by their authorized representative, while UES provides a pulse interface device that a customer uses to access load data. UES proposes to decrease the monthly fee from \$11.58 to \$8.42 and to decrease the initial lump sum fee from \$284.11 to \$206.61.

UES also proposes to include some language on tariff page 51 to clarify that Interval Data Service is also available to Large General Service (G1) customers. UES states that adding G1 customers to this section is appropriate because they already have interval data recording equipment as part of their standard G1 metering package.

Staff has reviewed the filing and believes that further investigation is necessary before Staff can make a final recommendation on the merits to the Commission. Consequently, Staff recommends that the Commission suspend the proposed Tariff pages so that Staff can obtain additional information in order to better evaluate the underlying costs of the proposed tariff changes. We find Staff's request reasonable and therefore will suspend the tariffs.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that the following proposed revisions to NHPUC No. 1 - Electricity Delivery, Unitil Energy Services, Inc., First Revised Pages 11-35 Superseding Original Pages 11-35 and Second Revised Pages 50-51 be and hereby are suspended pending further investigation.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-sixth day of November, 2003.

Thomas B. Getz
Chairman

Susan S. Geiger
Commissioner

Graham J. Morrison
Commissioner

Attested by:

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